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Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

Letter dated 8 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I wish again to refer to the White Paper entitled "Partnership for Progress and Prosperity: Britain and the Overseas Territories", which is mentioned in resolution 56/72 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its most recent session.

In this connection, the Government of the Argentine Republic wishes to reiterate its rejection of this White Paper insofar as it refers to the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and rejects the designation of these colonial Territories subject to a sovereignty dispute as British Overseas Territories and any other similar designation, as well as any plan to introduce unilateral modifications in the situation while the sovereignty dispute is pending.

The Argentine Government wishes to recall once again that the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25, in which it recognizes the existence of a sovereignty dispute between the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. In addition, the General Assembly defined the question as a special and particular colonial case that must be resolved through bilateral negotiations between the two Governments, with the good offices of the United Nations Secretary-General, who is to report to the General Assembly on the progress made.

The Argentine Republic reaffirms its rights of sovereignty over the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, which are an integral part of its national territory.

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I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 19 and 39.

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